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(From the Pailadelphia Record.)

The Flower Astronomical Observatory has been quite a favorite resort during some of the recent moonlight nights. It can be reached by trolley via Market and Sirtyoninth Streets, and the gentlemen on duty are most zealous in showing visitors the stars and planets. One night a young man with a kodak visited the observatory and set his camera on a table under a brilliant electric light while he stepped over and peeped through the telescope lenses. It was late when he got home, so he made no attempt to develop the pictures he had taken in the woods during the day; but when he begun the process the next moorning he was surplised to find he had a negative representing a peculiar phase of the moon. The orb seemed a light fringe on the lower edge. He took a blue praint of his wonderful picture to the astronomers for an explanation. They studied it and were mystified. Just then one of the astronomers at down to focus his telescope, learning has defently and the representation. They studied it and were mystified. Just then one of the amount of information, but it represents my stock. Now, if we could only have a war with Slam, it wouldn't be a week before every port, city, and official in that queer corner in Asla—isn't it Asia?—would be household words—so, you see, there is always a silver lining even to a war cloud."

With the French, German, and Italian ambassadors on visits to their respective of the Austro-Hungarian minister and his lovely wife this week for Vienna, to be followed later by the filtring of the Venezuelan minister and his daughter. Miss Andrade, for a Winter visit to the minister's brother, who is the president of the Republic of Venezuela, the embassies and legations are not in social evidence, as is generally the case at this season of the year. It is generally considered that iar plase of the moon," Rodaks are admitted to the Flower Observatory.

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### SOCIAL CALENDAR

The Anglo-American Commission to Be Entertained.

BRIDES OF THE WEEK

President and Mrs. Mckinley Will Give a Dinner to the Commissioners Wednesday Evening - Secretary and Mrs. Hay to Hold a Reecption in Their Honor Saturday

The presence in Washington of the An-

glo-American Joint High Commission is patterns and colors, worth 18c, for the signal for society's wheels to revolve. The brides can no longer hope to monopolize social interest, and as debutantes are only little girls until Dame Pashion recognizes their existence at the special at home and marks their coming out, they will have to walt like good little girlsuntil due honor has been paid to the distinguished visitors who are now the city's guests. President and Mrs. McKinley will inaugurate a series of brilliant entertainments in honor of the Commissio with a dinner, to be given at the Executive Mansion next Wednesday. This will be followed on Saturday by a reception be given by Secretary and Mrs. Hay, splendid hone in Sixteenth Street will be formally re-opened for the first time since the appointment of its master to the Court of St. James. Mrs. Hay and her daughters, who have been in Cleveland for the greater part of the time since their return from England, have joined the Secretary in Washington and the reception next Saturday will be but a brilliant forerunner of other brilliant functions to come. The Commission and the ladies accompanying them will be entertained very generally by the American members, several of whom have homes at the National Capital, Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Mrs. Fairbanks have cards out for a dinner, November 21, which will be followed two days later by a dinner at which former Secretary John S. Foster will be the host, Mrs. Foster will give a luncheon, No-vember 22, in honor of Lady Laurier, venner 22, in honor of Lady Laurier, who, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, remained in Quebec after the departure of the Commission, to do honor to Lord Minto, the new governor general of Canada, but who will arrive in Washington in time to be present at the Executive Mansion next Wednesday evening.

Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Foster will give her opening reception of the season tomorrow, when she will be assisted by the ladies of the Commission, together with Mrs. Denby, wife of Col. Denby, late United States minister to China. Among the out-oftown festivities arranged for the distinguished visitors is a house party at the home of Senator Faulkner in the mountains of West Virginia. Lord Herschel. former lord chanceller of Great Britain, who has been visiting Senator and M s. Fairbanks at their home in Indiana, and who accompanied them to Washington last week, has been a guest since his ar-rival here of Sir Julian Pauncefote until his departure yesterday for a flying trip to New York. The British embassy was reopened several weeks ago upon the re-turn of Sir Julian and his family from New London, and its gracious mistress and her charming daughters will doubtless contribute no little share towards the pleasure of the Commission while here.

Among the members of the Commission who, with their parties, are established at the Shoreham are Sir Richard Cart-wright, Miss Cartwright, Mr. John Charl-ton, M. P., Mrs. Charlton, Sir Louis Da-vies, Lady Davies, Mr. W. C. Cartwright, of the foreign office, Mr. Joseph Pope, agent of the Canadian government, Mrs. Pope, Mr. W. G. Parmalee, Mr. W. F. King, Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, secretary to Sir Richard Cartwright, and Mr. W. C. Gordon, secretary to Sir Louis Davies,

His excellency, Phya Visddha Suriya ister plenipotentiary to the United States, is plainly not at a loss for titles. In addition to the possession of a number of minor titles and decorations he is com-White Elephant, and commander, also, of the Most Honorable Order of the Crown of Sham. As he is the representative of his country at the Court of St. James as well as the United States, he will div de his time between the two governments with permanent headquarters in London. He is now at the Ariington for an indefinite stay, and though he will go later to Great Britain, he will return to Amer-ica from time to time as necessary for the conduct of his office. As he speaks English fluently, and is progressively Anglo-American in ideas and dress, his presence at the National Capital will be desirable acquisition to the diplomatic

corps. A prominent society woman, who is popular among the foreign dignitaries who represent their governments at the Ridge Mountains. They spent the Sum-National Capital, claims that there is no mer at Cape May. educational system yet organized that can produce such satisfactory results as a war. As proof of her assertion she points to the recent Spanish-American example that has made the dullest mind familiar with the topography of the Philippines and our new possessions, where before, to the average man and woman Spain itself was hardly more than a

splash on the map.
"I shall have to take a course of Siamese history," she said desperately, "be-fore I risk an introduction to the genwith the unpronounceable name When anybody speaks of Siam, I see in my mind's eye a saffron-tinted emperor in gold clothes, riding on a white ele-phant, with a pair of vassals in the background fanning him with peacock feathers and with other vassals scattered mis-cellancously around, with their foreheads touching the ground. It is a very highlytouching the ground. It is a very highlycolored picture, and sometimes when it
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movement, I see the sacred elephant lift
his feet to make pulp of the unfortunates
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and legations are not in social evidence, as is generally the case at this season of the year. It is generally considered that the Russian ambassador will give a num the Russian ambassador will give a num-ber of brilliant entertainments, and that the beautiful ballroom of the embassy will be waxed and decorated for many a joyous dange. The Mexican Heraid, of a ent issue, announces that it is the in tention of Senor Romero to return to his post at Washington, if possible, before the beginning of December.

On Tuesday, at noon, Miss Amy Mahala Fietcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward T. Fletcher, will be married to Dr. Thomas Pinkney Chapman. The cere-mony will take place at Mount Vernon M. E. Church.

ginia Thompson, and Mr. Arnold Vance Graves will be married at the Sixth Pres-

The marriage of Mrs. Eleanor Morris Finley and Mr. Frederick Charles Maurer, of Harrisburg, Pa., will take place at Cal-vary Eaptist Church Wednesday at noon.

At the same church, at 8 o'clock in the evening, will occur the marriage of Miss Lillie May Bowen to Mr. Charles W. Fairfax of this city. Miss Mamle A. Spigraul will be the mald of honor. The bride will have two other attendants in the persons of little Rosalle Waters and Minnie Stone, each five years old. Mr. Richard E. Claughton will be best man, and Messrs. William Francis Bowen, william E. Shannon, Hunter A. Davis, Peyfon Gordon, Dwight Anderson, Walter Hleaton, and C. Albert White, all of this city, and George Ray Deshler, of New Brunswick, N. J., will be the ushers. The reception, which will follow at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Bowen, parents of the bride, in Twelfth Street, will be attended by the relatives and out-of-town guests with the bridat party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Sparks, whose marriage occurred recently at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick D. Power, in Wallach Place, will be given a reception by Dr. and Mrs. Power Tuesday evening in the parlors of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Atkinson, of Seima, N. C., for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Minna Atkinson, to Mr. Luther S. Cannon, of this city. The ceremony will take place in the Methodist Chu ch at Selma Tuesday morning, November 15.
After a wedding trip of some weeks M.
Cannon will bring his bride to this city. They will reside at 319 B Street south-east, where they will be at home to their friends after December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Corder have issued invitations for the marriage of their daugh-ter Florence to Mr. John Molley. The ceremony will take place at the parson-go of Kendall Church, 1239 B Street southwest, next Wednesday evening, at 7:20 p. m. The bride and groom will leave for a tour through the Western States, and will be at home to friends after Determ-

A wedding of social importance to Washington and St. Louis alike will be the marriage, Tuesday, of Miss Kuth-aryne Kerens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerens, of St. Louis, to Lieut. Frank B. McKenna, U. S. A., only son of Justice Joseph McKenna, of the United States Supreme Court. The Archbishop of St. Louis will perform the ceremony, which will take place at 5 o'clock, in the Church of St. Alphonaus. The Misses McKenna and little Miss Gladys Kerens will be among the bridal attendants, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerens will give a large reception in the evening at their splendil house in Vandeventer Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henri de Sibour salled for

Mrs. Griggs, wife of the Attorney Gen-Mrs. Griggs, wife of the Attorney General, was among the guests present at the reception given in New York by Mrs. Barber last week in honor of Mrs. Hobart. When Mrs. Griggs returns to Washington it will be with the pleasant consciousness that she will have for neighbors Secretary and Mrs. Gage and Postmaster General and Mrs. Smith who have handsome homes in Mass-sobusetts Avenue in the immediate viachusetts Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the house which the Attorney General leased recently, and which he will occupy during his stay in Wash-

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cushman will be at home to their friends Wednesday even-ing. November 16, from 6 to 10, 3429 Hol-mead Avenue.

The marriage of Miss Theresa Mary Crew, daughter of Mr. James H. Crew, and Mr. Mark Allen Watson, took place quietly last Wednesday evening at the home of the father of the bride. Rev. Dr. Stricklen, pastor of Hamline M. E. Church, officiated, the ceremony being witnessed by relatives and near friends. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will be at home December 7 and 14 at 400 P Street.

The Costa Rican legation is now established at No. 2111 S Street.

for the New York horse show, and amon, the guests invited to share it are he sister. Mrs. Frederick Grant, and her niece, Miss Julia Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, with Miss Grant and their son, Mr. Honore Palmer, will sail shortly for the Mediterranean. They will spend the greater part of the Winter in Egypt and njoy the novelty of a Christmas on the

Ensign and Mrs. Hines, who have arrived in Washington, will spend the Winter with the parents of the bride, in Con-

Misses Marie and Cecilia Graham, of Georgetown, have returned, after an Autumn visit to relatives in the Blue

Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, who will spend the Winter in foreign travel, will include Africa in their wanderings, together with other unbeaten routes in the

Miss Elizabeth Todd, of this city, will be maid of honor at the wedding of Miss Katharine Caldwell, of Washington, Pa., and Mr. Benjamin Franklin Mevay, jr., of

girl, who has made many friends in Washington during her visits here. She is the daughter of Col. W. A. Hanway. former city commissioner of Baltimore, and, through both parents, is connected with a number of the most prominent families in Maryland and Virginia.

Miss Agnes Irwin, dean of Radeliffe ollege, who was recently nominated by Gov. Wolcott, of Massachusetts, to serve on the Paris Exposition committee, is a great-granddaughter of Benjamin Frank-lin, and was born at Washing-December, 1841, the daughter of William Wallace Irwin, then a member of Congress from Pennsylvania and next year United States minister to Denmark. On her mother's side came he descent from Franklin, Mrs. Irwin's father being Richard Bache, the grandson of Frankin. Her mother was a daughter of Alexander J. Dallas, Secretary of the Treasury, and afterward of War, under President Madison, and her uncles were Commander Dallas, United States navy, and George Mifflin Dallas, Vice President with President Polk and United States minister to England under United States minister to England under Vice President with President Polk and United States minister to England under President Tyler. Miss Irwin spent her

Count Thaulaw, the Scandinavian artist, who has been the subject of much interested comment in social and art cirinterested comment in social and art cir-cles since his arrival in this country, will visit Washington later in the season. He speaks English well, is as muscular as a hammer thrower, and besides belag temarkably handsome, knows how to paint,

The latest fad out is a ghost. If you ward T. Fletcher, will be married to Dr.
Thomas Pinkney Chapman. The ceremony will take place at Mount Vernon
M. E. Church.
On the same evening Miss Maud
Amanda Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Vir
The latest fad out is a ghost. If you are the lucky owner of a peaked house roped with ivy and smothered with trees, you must issue cards for a Christmas ghost hunt at once. Don't hesitate on account of the scarcity of garfie, for fashtion has caught bands with a brand new

theory of some unspellable sort, that ghosts are always around if not always in evidence. So if you have your fair share of rats and bats, and are located within hooting distance of an owi, though far enough from your next neighbor to get supernatural reverberations from his baying dogs, there is no reason why you can't get along as attisfactorily with a mock spook as you can with, say, mock turtle.

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Naturally, a real ghost would be preferable to these makeshifts—but you mustn't expect too much in this world.

The Christmas ghost hunt is an importation from England, where the houses are ancient enough to harbor specters who were there before William the Conqueror, and that is where the fear comes in, that the fad over here may fail. We have no Danish towers, nor Norman keeps, nor Elizabethan dungeons and things where ghosts can prowl around in costumes to match the architecture. in costumes to match the architecture. The American specter has to choose between a sheet and his best suit, and the poverty of the choice will most likely unfit him for the spectacular part fashion bids him.

unlit him for the spectacular part fashion bids him to play.

Of course, there are exceptions, for even in this very city there is one of the treasure-guarding ghosts you read about, an out-and-out buccaneer of the Spanish main, with cocked hat, gold lace ruffles, high yellow boots, red Jacket, and a most unpleasant smell. Those acquainted with him say he clinks his chains and stolen coin to the rhythm of women's screams, but that otherwise he is harmless and wouldn't be half bad to have around if it wasn't for a habit he has of wearing his head in his hands.

If you have only a modern home with cheery belongings, don't be discouraged, but get yourself invited to spend Christmas week with some dear and haunted

mas week with some dear and haunted friend. That is what the London girls

Fashion is interested in the evolution of the specter. She considers it possible that there may be such a thing as the new ghost—hence the Christmas hunts.
And their habits have changed. You don't catch the modern ghost prowling around moldy, midnight churchyards, and haunting ruined castles with bits. He lurks in the warm shadows of nurseries, where babies frolic and sleep. Goes, incognite, to teas without b.ing obliged to taste things; gets into theaters —dead head—and while the play is on stalks around with mock Hamlet, sups with mimic Banquo, throws out personal instructions concerning the specter bridegroom's cold huckleberry pudding, and leaves for the electric lights of the ave-nue the minute the curtain goes down. This latest whim of society has already

morning.

farther along the same lines.

COSTLY HANDKRCHIEFS.

tock Brokers and Racing Men Han ker for Them.

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

The handkerchief of the well-dressed Englishman must now have in its cor-

one or more colors. The price of the handkerchiefs varies from 4 to 12 guineas per dozen, the sum depending more upon them material of which the handkerchief

For day wear with a colored shirt, a

white handkerchief with a colored bor-der to match the shirt should be worn. In this case the crest must be embroider-

For wear with a hunting shirt nothing

a colored silk bandana bandkerchief hould be used. But in this case there must not be a crest, for that would be

Barnato's private secretary) never pays

Perhaps the record for extravagance in andkerchiefs was held by the late Duc-

d'Albe, uncle of the ex-empress Eugenie

and first grandee of Spain.

This gentleman used to pay twenty
guineas per dozen for handkerchiefs and
he gave a certain Anglo-Parisian Conduit

street establishment a single order for

six guineas per dozen. The Duke of York, however, is rather

It is a curious fact that the Scotch no-

bility pay very little indeed for their handkerchiefs, while the Irish go to the other extreme and pay even more than

made extremely large and only to order, and cost fifteen shillings aplece. Sam Lewis, the money lender, also uses bandanas, but his are of an ordinary size

and of a quiet color. They cost three shillings six pence each.

A. G. Drexel, the American banker, pays 5 guiness a dozen for his handkerchiefs.

and George Edwards pays exactly the

Lady Warwick has an expensive taste in handkerchiefs, for she pays 15 guirrens

Gen. Boulanger used to buy mouchoir:

of plain scarlet linen and pay 5 shillings apiece for them.

The Duke of Sutherland pays 12 guineas

per dozen and Jean De Reszke, the singer uses white silk and pays half a guines

apiece.

Prince Ranjitsinhji pays the same price,
but his handkerchiefs are made larger to
enable him to transform them into a belt
when he wishes. Sliviniski, the planist,
has a taste for colored handkerchiefs, his

favorite design being a very large Scotch

tartan, and for these he pays 3 guineas a dozen. Inspector McCarthy, of Scot-land Yard, pays the same price, but he

Bret Harte pays 3 shillings 6 pence each, and Tom Loates, the jockey, uses white slik and pays 4 shillings apiece more for

nis.

Sam Loates, his brother, loves plain yellow silk, and he pays 8 shillings 6 pence each, while Charlie Wood chooses the most fanciful pattern he can obtain for

haif a guinea. He never pays more than that, and he is said to have a business-like habit of claiming 6 pence discount

John Porter, the trainer, torys i guinea

Harry, a schoolboy of six, being to'd by his carcher to write a composition on the ox, after a long but carnest struggle produced the follow-ing: "A ox does not taste so good as a oyster and he has a hairy shell, but he erm draw a big ger load than a oyster and run twice as fact."

One Friend Left. (From Fun.)

Mamma-Well, Tommy, you know no one will ove you if you are so naughty.

Tommy-Satan will, He loves naughty boys

per dozen, and George Lambton and B T. Bassett never exceed that price

has a far quieter taste.

the English.

per dozen.

insidered vulgar.

ner a crest or monogram embroidere

found its critics, but after all we must not hope to evolve a fad that will suit everybody until we learn to turn people in molds like candles or measure them like potatoes, by the peck.

The Hon, Thomas W. Cridler, Third. Assistant Secretary of State, accompanied by his bride, were among the passengers on the steamer St. Louis, which arrived at New York yesterday.

Mr. William Gorman has sent out invi-tations for a reception to be given on Not-vember 17, at his country place, hear Ca-tonsville, Md., in honor of his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Gorman, Miss Gorman will be assisted in receiving by her aunt, William 18, 1997. Mrs. Joseph C. Whitney. She will spend the Winter in Washington.

Mrs. John B. Wight; wife of the president of the Board of Commissioners of the District, who is visiting her aister, Mrs. William M. McKelvey, at Pirisburg, was the guest of honor at a reception given by Mrs. McKelvey on last Friday

given by Mrs. McKelvey on last Friday afternoon. The receiving party included Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler, mother of Mrs. Wight, and Mrs. McKelvey, together with a dozen matrons and maids prominent in Pittsburg's social circle.

The large hall of the residence was arranged with palms and huge white ehrysanthemums, while the parlor was decorated with bunches of red and pink roses. The library had a great bunch of pink chrysanthemums, while the dining-room chrysanthemums, while the dining-room had one of immense golden chrysanthe-mums. Mrs. Wight has been much en-tertained during her visit, and several smaller affairs have been arranged for her before she returns to Washing

Count Von Acro-Valley, formerly first secretary of the German embassy at Washington, has been appointed minister

Mr. Walter William Scott, of this city, one of the attendant groomsmen at wedding of Miss Sallie Penn Taylor and Mr. Augustus Fitzhugh Turner, of Port Conway, Va., which occcurred Wednesday in St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Va., the home of the bride.

the guest of her uncle. Mr. Arthur Em-

The Manor House Chapter, D. A. R., will hold their first meeting of the win hold their first meeting of the sea-son at the Riggs House, November 9, at 8 p. m. Mrs. John A. Logan will make an address descriptive of "Spain and Her Colonies in America," The Nathonal and Washington boards of the D. A. R. will

Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, of Phila delphia, who has just returned home aft-er a visit in Washington, was the guest while here of the President and Mrs McKinley at luncheon

Washington friends have received cards announcing the marriage of Mr. Charles Henry Zuber, of the editorial staff of the Cincinnati Times-Star, to Miss Flor-ence Adelaide Rooks, of Booneville, Mo. ence Adelaide Rooks, or Booker the. The wedding was solemnized in that city Saturday, October 22, and owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, was a very quiet affair.

In addition to brilliant gifts that have

occur on November II.

Miss Grace Hanway, of Baltimore, whose engagement to Dr. George A. Tower, of Boston, was recently announced, is a charming, highly-cultured girl, who has made many friends in Washington during by

of the most active and successful of all such organizations, will give a reception at the Tuxedo, Madison Avenue, tomorrow, in honor of the president of the National Congress of, Mothers, Mrs. T. W. Birney, of Washington, D. C., and their State president, Mrs. D. O. Mears, of Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Harvey L. McBrier, of San Jose, Cal., is in Washington for the Winter with her mother, Mrs. H. J. McCreary, 121 A Street northeast.

### French Like Spails.

French Like Snails.

(From the New York Ledger.)

The stories about Frenchmen raining snails are believed by many people to have no foundation in fact, but snails are eaten, and to a very considerable extent, in France. Nearly 190,500 pounds weight of snalls are saten, and to a very considerable extent, in France. Nearly 190,500 pounds weight of snalls are, sold daily in the Paris markets to be caten by dwellers in that city. They are carefully feared for the purpose in extensive small gardens in the provinces, and fed on aromatic herbs to give them a fine flavor. One such garden in Dijon is said to bring in to its proprietor several thousand france a year.

Many Swiss cantons also contain large snail gardens, where they are reared with great pains. They are not only regarded as a great delicacy, but are considered very antiritious. Hygienists state that they contain 17 per cent of nitrogenous marter, and that they are equal to systers in mutritive properties.

Snails are also extensively used as an article of food in Austria, Spain, Italy, and Egypt, and the countries on the African side of the Med terranean. Indeed, the habit of eating snails as food has existed in various parts of Europe for many centuries.

Lightning Killed Black Sheep. (From the Chicago Chronicle.) Forty sheep belonging to William Arndt gathered under a maple tree in Van Wert County, Ohio, and among them were eighteen black onra. A blinding flash of lightning seemed to penetrate the earth in the midst of the flock and killed all the black sheep, leaving the white ones unhurt. Each dead sheep had a round hole in the back of its neck, as if from a pistol hall, and around it the wool was burned away. CHEMISTS ELECT OFFICERS. OLD BILL PONTIN.

The Peculiar Principles on Which luxiness of Their Annual Session Is Nearly Completed. He Ran a Chop House.

Nearly Completed.

The work of the Agricultural Chemists, holding their fifteenth annual convent on in this city, was nearly completed with yesterday's session, and the concluding session will be held on Monday morning. Pesides various reports on the subjects of food stuffs, dairy products and a ulterations of the same, which were made to the association during the resiston yesterday, the annual election of officers was held.

He Ran a Chop House.

(From the New York Herald.)

William S. Pontin is dead, Many persons who started for his famous chop house in Franklin Street yesterday for their midday meal found the place closed and were compelled to turn away.

Old "Blil" Pontin, as he was familiarly known to two generations of diners, had many reculiarities which had become accentuated in his old age. He did not believe in deserts, and it was a very unusual thing for him to have any "sweet" on his bill of fare. Roast beef, steaks and chops were the staples that

their luncheons in his place with a reasonable assurance that they would not meet their clerks. If he charged a little tion on behalf of the University of Callfornia and the California agricultural experiment station, for the association' to hold its next annual convention at some point in that State. This levitation seemed to meet with favor among a great

many of the members, although the mai-ter will be left, according to custom, to the executive committee, and will not be decided until some time in the future. Secretary Wilson, who was to have addressed the meeting yesterday afternoon, was unable to do so, but has promised to his roast beef, on the ground that he should take a more suitable drink. A rival chop-house was started near Pontin's by a man named Hoperstt. At-

The morning session was devoted to reroutin's by a man paraset toperate. Actioning competitors the two men maintained the most friendly relations. Every morning when Pontin attreet for market he stopped at Hoperaft's and bought two drinks, one for his competitor, the other for himself. Every evening Hoperaft went to Pontin's and returned the compilement. For some ceiving the report on the year's work in the analysis of foods, particularly while reference to ascertaining adulterations The late Dr. Charles Worster, of Buston, a deceased member of the as ocia-tion, was benttingly memorialized by President Winton, after which a rising returned the compliment. For some years the two men used the same quarter, which changed hands twice a day, and which Pontin finally framed when the march of improvements wiped out. vote of respect was taken.

Papers on dairy products and augar analysis were presented at the afternoon session. The principal recommendation made in reference to these subjects was that the investigations be carried still contact along the same lines. Hoperaft's place. Ponth nimself had to move, but he went scarcely a block from his original stand.

his original stand.

He had never served a demi-tasse of coffee until A. H. Hummel, who ate regularly in his place for more than thirty years, insisted upon getting one after each med. At the session on Monday morning the report of the referee on tanning ma-terials will be received. The report of the standing committee on pure food standards will also be made.

The fame of Pontin's roast beef was so great that many prominent foreigners have called on him to sample it almost immediately after arrival here. Lord-Mandeville and Lord Lonsdale were fre-quent patrons when they were in New

The "back room" at Pontra's was made The "back room" at Pontha's was made famous by the wits who gathered there. It was an extension built for the accommodation of a few select customers. It has been said that any question that would arise could be authoritatively settled offinand in the "backroom." The habitutes knew everybody, and some one of them was sure to be informed upon anything, from politics to racing and literature.

is made than upon the actual work put into the embroidering.

This sounds a lot of money to pay for handkerchiefs. But it must not be for-gotten that the thread of which they are George J. Gould, who often ate luncheon in the chop house, took a fancy to the old man, and frequently sent him made is hand spun.

The most fashionable men's handker-chiefs this year are made with a half fruit from his country place.

Pontin was about seventy-three years old. He was married twice. He leaves a widow and a young son. inch border. But for evening dress a small white handkerchief with the crest embroidered in white and a very small hem is considered the correct thing.

SOME VERY OLD PEOPLE. Seven Persons Whose Ages Aggre-

gate 708 Years.

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.) (From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
Five persons in Madison County, Indiana, furnish a grand aggregate of 527
years. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Carrolton, III years old; Alexander Ferguson,

107; Monroe Hedges, 106; Thomas Wells, 104; Mrs. Julia Hamilton, 100.

Three were born in Kentucky and two in Ireiand. Hedges says he has 1000 rc attives living. Monroe was a star acrobat in a circus when he was eighteen y are old and "acted," in cighteen States. After As a general rule it seems that stock-brokers and racing mea pay more for their handkerchiefs than any others. Joe Thompson, the bookmaker, never pays less than II guineas per dozen for his handkerchiefs, while "Dick" Dunn only uses silk. Harry Marks pays 5 guineas a dozen, while A. Wells the rate Barney

s hinety-six veras of uge, and won it. run over by a horse and has not taken a

step since. Thomas Wells, an original follower of Andrew Jackson, lives three and one-half miles west of Summerville, on a farm of

1150 worth.

Sir Albert Sassoon and Leopold De Rothschild pay seven guineas per dozen for their handkerchiefs. The usual price paid by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Portland and the Duke of Devonshire is try just before the war of ISIL. They are place for coaxing the flame and bringing probably the oldest brother and sister a laugh from the theater natrons. It alliving in this country. They came from ways succeeds, and would have been a extravagant, for he pays eight guineas per dozen. The Duke of Argyll pays half a crown for each handkerchief he uses, and the Duke of Fife pays only eighteen living in this country. They came from a family of nineteen, and although Alexander was not married until he was sixty years of age, he raised a family of thirteen, almost all of whom are living. Carrolton raised a family of eight. have a brother, who died in Madiso County several years ago, at the age of 115, and another one lived to be 109, and another ninety-nine. Their father was ninety-three and mother ninety-nine when Monsignore Stonor, an Irishman and private chaplain to the Pope, pays five guinens per dozen for bright red banda-nas, and he uses no other kind. They are

they died. They have both used tobacco and whisky, and attribute their long life to its influence over the "ager and shakes" of ploneer Indiana. Squire Elias Burton, of Mitchell, Ind., celebrated his ninety-first birthday Oc-tober 16. He is the oldest of 1,100 Burtons in Lawrence County. He has tweive children and two great-grandchildren, Mrs. Elizabeth Stratton, of Ray Coun-

ty. Mo., is eighty-nine years old, and has 258 descendants. By her first husband she had three children; by her second

The Church Interested.

(From the New York Post.)

The decision of the United States to retain the Philippines is of interest to the church mission boards, at least seven of which have been waiting to learn it before planning missionary work in that archipelago. If the decision stand, as the bearde expect it will, the Presbyterian foreign board will enter the Philippines, and leave the work in Porto Rico to the home board. The Rec. A. N. Taft, of St. George's Church, in this city, who it was said would go to Perto Rico, has not yet started, and it is said to be doubtful if he goes at all. His expenses were to be paid by St. George's parish, but it is understood the ideas expressed by Bishop Potter in his late diocean convention address in this city are playing some part in the delay. The American Baptist Publication Society is already at work in Cuba, and the Rev. Padre Duarte has at last been permitted by the American Church Missionary Society to return from Fio ida to Matannas. Methodists are making an investigation of the Philippine field through Bishop Thaburn, and, as its society is now out of debt, it is expected that its annual meeting at Providence this week will take some action.

Why We Take the Philippines (From the Cincinnati Commerc'al Tribune.)

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We take the Philippines as legitimate prize of war. We assume a responsibility that is most the less an obligation because it came to us as unsought heritage of a contest entered upon in the cause of human liberty. To have done less would have been a surrender of the fruits of conquest, a compromise of principle to expedience. Having delivered the Philippines from Spanish oppression it was incumbent upon the United States to make that deliverance permanent. Upon that point there was no room for debate. It only remained to determine the wise, prudent, and humane course.

A control of all the Philippines is easier of accomplishment than the control of a part. The proper government of all is as important and as imperatively a duty of this country, under the circumstances of their acquisition, as of any part, is we meet the obligation beavely and without evasion.

### FAST RIDING.

Chleago Reached in Twenty Hours Out of New York.

(From the Brocklyn Eagle.)

Dr. Depew has broken several records for speechmaking and storyteilling, and now he has ruptured the figures for fast railroading. He has been carried frum New York to Chicago, nearly a thousand miles, in hineteen hours. He sat out a dinner of remarks in the Wholy City, stayed until the last horn blew, then pack-up, took his train, after midnight, and next evening he was at the theater, in Monthattan. He has traveled 2,000 miles in five days and made speeches all over the place and seen the Omaha exhibition and gathered up statistics about wheat and foreseen a Republican victory and told Eastern investors that Western farmers were paying off their mortgages—a thing they had not discovered for them, selves—and happened on traces of Bryanism and several on traces of Bryanism (From the Brooklyn Eagle.) terday, the annual election of officers was held.

It is a rule of the association that no officer shall be elected for a second term with the exception of the secretary. The following officers were elect d. President, Prof. R. C. Kedzie, M. D. professor of agricultural college, and State chem st of Michigan; vice president, Prof. B. W. Kilgore, State chemist of Mississippi; secretary, Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture. Dr. Wiley has filled this officer a number of years in a most satisfactory manner.

Prof. M. E. Jaffa, of the University of Calison on behalf of the University of Calison of the University of Calison on behalf of the University of Calison of t

their luncheons in his place with a reasonable assurance that they would not meet their clerks. If he charged a little more than other restaurant keepers for his roast beef, he allowed his customers to send their plates back for additional portions until they satisfied their hunger, without making any extra charge.

Pontin was not a believer in Croton water as a beverage with hearty meals. A prominent indge used to tell a story of "Billy" emphatic and persistent refusal to give him a glass of water with his roast beef, on the ground that he should take a more suitable drink.

What is left of the Delavan House in Albany will have to be moved farther lack to keep from rubbing against the cars, and the carsering of locomotives through the principal avenues of Syracuse with heartinging the bell must be discontinued. The network of other peoples tracks that surround Chicago, and lap over into Indiana water as a beverage with hearty meals, and will be some and tramps that occupy the country for 18 unless around Chicago and gather on the tracks of the Pullmans, until like barnaths and the carsering of locomotives through the principal avenues of Syracuse with heart work of other peoples tracks that surround Chicago, and lap over into Indiana water as a beverage with heart work of other peoples tracks that surround Chicago, and lap over into Indiana water as a beverage with heart water out of the principal avenues of Syracuse with heart work of other peoples tracks that surround Chicago, and lap over into Indiana water as a beverage with heart water of the principal avenues of Syracuse with heart water with the principal avenues of Syracuse with principal avenues of Syracuse with the principal avenues of Syracuse with principal avenues of Syracuse with the principal avenues of Syracuse wit matic contrivance, and those who are not crushed will be swept off so as not to make the tracks greasy and the aimos-phere stifting with the fumes of liberated whisky. It will give a fillip to railroading

whisky. It will give a liftip to railroading all over the country when the new time is adopted on the Central road.

The days when the cows used to climb up on the back platforms and come into the cars and bite the passengers are nearly over. Only on the trans that used to run to Camp Thomas from Chattanoogu was that kind of thing usual his year. On other roads the speed adopted is such that the time tables of twenty-five years ago look like sendules for a stage coach that the time tables of twenty-live years ago look like schedules for a stage coach. When our railroads are made entirely safe, as those have been in Europe, by the abolition of grade crossings and the separation of the tracks from fields and highways by fences and embankments, there will be practically no limit to speed except as determined by the power of the locomotive. If Chicago can be reached in twenty butter in safety and ste locomotive. If thicago can be reached in twenty butts in safety and comfort. San Francisco can be reached in three days. The ends of the earth are coming together fast. Pretty soon there wan't be any ends, for the earth will be

#### AS TO STRIKING MATCHES.

Woman Says Men Would Light

Them Anywhere. (From the New York Sun.) "I may be wrong," said the little woman in the cross sent of the car, "b.,t I fully believe that a man would strik-a match on the tembstone of his mother,

and her eyes snapped and her cheeks flushed at the idea of such a sucrilege. Go where one will, into the most out ofthe-way place or corner to ignite a match, telltale streaks will be found as positive proof that a match striker has been there before. Raise the drapery about a mantel and peer underwiath and there again will come in view the cabal-istic brown tracks, the "blazer" way, as

it were, of the match-strising guild.
On every side of lampposts, are plugs and bulk window frames are to be found the trail of the successor of the Under box and steel. Letter boxes, street corners, every pillar in the elevated struc-tures, door jambs, bottoms of chairs and edges of bureaus, washstands and dressing cases possess the hiero-

glyphics.

Even church edifices are not sizzed when the hurry call is issued for a light. Even after rails have been visited by the same touch. In fact, there is no place in a circus when he was eighteen y ars old and "acted" in eighteen States. After this he was a jockey.

He made a trotting race at the Boone County (Indiana) fair in 1888, when he to secure a light. When Cleopatra's Needle was placed in Central Park the apex was longity-six yeak of uge, and won it. signs can be found upon the tooknot of the Sphinx and upon the top of the Pyramids.

Armed with a match and a slight fifty-seven acres. He shows his mother's haze being a necessity, the holder will record, which gives his birth as May 3, make for the nearest spot to obtain the 1784. His father was a revolutionary solution. Upon the variety record, which are the control of the country and dier, who served under Washington

Mrs. Bettle Carrolton and Mr. Alexander Ferguson, the two oldest people in the country, are brother and sister the country, are brother and sister to see. A made-up hald head is an attention of the country are brother and sister. star performance coeval with Joe Miller's joke book had matches been in existence

### A SECOND-HAND SHAKE

How a British Girl Greeted Royalty by Proxy.

During the recent annual meeting of he British Iron and Steel Institute, the British Iron and Steel Institute, held at Stockholm, his majesty. King Oocar of Sweden and Norway, was tendered a supper, which couriesy he accepted. This of course, brought in its train a brilliant gathering of royalty, and there was much quiet competition for the honor of a hand-shake from his majesty or from one of the royal prin-ces. It is related that all the American contingent managed to secure this dis-tinction, while only a very few of the British visitors were so honored. Unfortunately, the character of the meeting precluded the presence of any women, but one girl, and she was of British birth, be it carefully noted, had properly in-structed her father to shake hands for her by proxy. The story goes that after shaking hands with the king, the British-er was observed carefully pulling on his white glove. A business acquantance who came up just then extended his hand in greeting, but his friend hastily drew back, saying: "No, dear boy, I won't shake hand with anybody else now until I have returned to the hotel and shaken hands with my daughter." American girls are so often accused of being so extrava-gantly anxious to touch the hem of the garments of royalty, that the royal handshake at second-hand of the English cou-sin will lend a better countenance to har slight falling in this respect.

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